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Re: Required registration of those engaged in supervised practice

Dear Licensee:

It has come to OPR's attention that some people engaged in post degree supervised practice have been violating Vermont law. Please be advised that Vermont law requires that any person who is not licensed and who provides psychotherapy must be registered on the Roster of Psychotherapists who are Nonlicensed and Noncertified.

Since June 1, 2006 the Administrative Rules of the Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners have specifically provided that persons who are engaged in supervised practice toward licensure as clinical mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists must be registered on the roster. Board Rules 3.18 and 4.16. Those rules also specify the responsibilities of those providing supervision.

Other professions: Those engaged in supervised practice towards licensure as clinical social workers must be registered on the roster. Anyone who is engaged in supervised practice toward licensure as a psychologist is required to register with the Board of Psychological Examiners.

Some applicants for licensure as a CMHC's or MFT's who were not registered on the roster have already been prosecuted and disciplined. Supervisors who provide supervision to a person who is not properly registered and practicing illegally may be subject to disciplinary action as well.

Please be sure that any person to whom you provide supervision is properly registered on the roster of psychotherapists who are nonlicensed and noncertified. You can verify their status by checking the OPR web site <http://vtprofessionals.org/> and checking under individual search. Enter "Allied Mental Health" or "Psychology" and the person's name. When the name appears, click on it for the person's full license or registration status.

Sincerely,

Rita Knapp

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Administrator